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Gerry Francis Ken Hibbitt

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls. A warm welcome to Bolton Wanderers, who I remember early in the season as being one of the biggest physical sides in the league, all players 6 feet tall and a club that gives all visitors a very warm welcome. We had special close links with Alf Davis who first introduced us to the Helpline Scheme and actually came to Bristol to help us launch it, (they started the very first Helpline Scheme, his own idea), now our life saver.

Today we must just upset a few of our home supporters because it is a Sunday game, very sorry. The reason was beyond our control. Police advice to league and football association wanted to give the men in blue a little more overtime. Saturday Ashton Gate, Sunday Twerton Park.

Once again are thanks to all the travelling supporters, just wonderful support at Brentford, so well behaved. Please keep it up, it means so much to all the players. The reason we wore Design Windows home strip was because our away strip Universal Components was damaged at laundry, now awaiting new strip.

In recent weeks it has sure been quite hectic with 2 games a week and reserve games Tuesdays, plus every day training for those not playing, in fact we were all training yesterday for two hours. Remember recent floods at Keynsham, Geoff Dunford, Roy Dolling and I were called out at 11 o'clock until 1 am, flooding.

Condolences to Barbara and Jackie Tann daughters of the late Bert Tann who's widow Daisy's funeral, Vernon Stokes, Roy Dolling and I attended at Tomarton, you both read the lesson perfectly.

Great to see the return of Nigel Martyn and Gary Penrice for our game against Exeter, both given the warm usual President Clubs welcome.

May I take this opportunity especially to thank our back stage team from Dressing Room to Board Room, we all work so well together. Thanks Everyone. We are a unique club very game is away, but we love the involvement. Finally, we hope soon to make the announcement about our collection again for Frenchay Headway House.

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Playing on a Sunday has a totally different feeling from a Saturday fixture.

The disruption from regular routine needs adjustment on the part of the players — not only during the week before but also the following few days.

It can throw you a bit and we must make sure our application is right today. Likewise, our supporters should not treat it as a Sunday afternoon stroll and must get behind us as much as ever.

We badly need a win today to keep us among the Third Division's leading pack.

Disappointing recent results have not been that upsetting because in all the games, we've continued to create chances.

Thanks to everyone who supported my darts evening at the Anchor Hotel, Filton, last week.

No second Mike Gregory was discovered although Ian Holloway's game was flowing until it came to finishing. A bit like Saturdays really!

Another mention of the "gentleman's night" at the Hambrook Inn on Sunday, February 4th, also in aid of my testimonial.

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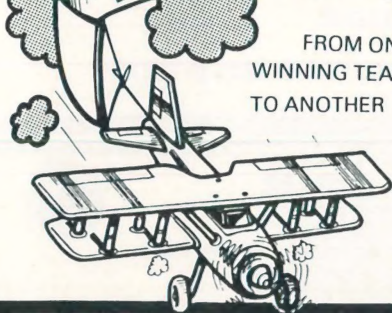
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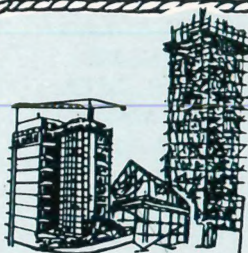


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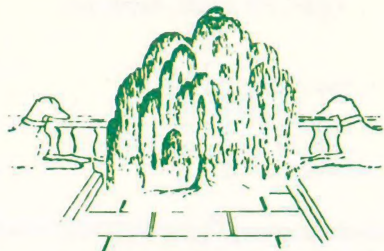
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Last Saturday's bitterly disappointing defeat at the hands of fast improving Brentford, further underlined the disturbing number of league points dropped by Rovers during the last five weeks. In the six games played Rovers have picked up just 5 points out of a possible 18 and have won just once during this period against arguably just one fancied team Rotherham United. Just 16 goals have been scored in 12 league matches

since Gary Penrice's last game for the club, the 4-2 victory over Northampton Town on 21st October. This is one less than the goals conceded during the same period, but goalscoring has really been a problem all season and for me is a major weakness in Rovers small squad.

David Mehew's goal contribution cannot be faulted, in fact I am surprised no clubs have enquired about him, particularly as his goals have come from an attacking midfield position. No Rovers fan could complain either about the sheer physical effort of Devon White but regrettably the stark statistic of 10 goals in his last 53 league matches is a strike rate which must concern Gerry Francis.

So what can be done to increase Rovers goalpower and to ensure a strong promotion challenge is maintained between now and the end of the season? Christian McClean could be given an extended run or may be first year professional Marcus Browning could be selected to test his potential. More likely, some of the cash received from the Penrice/Martin transfers must be used to obtain an experienced goalscorer. Some of the names mentioned to me by supporters include Trevor Senior (Reading), Kevin Bremner (Brighton), Terry Conner (Portsmouth), Tommy Tynan (Plymouth Argyle), Steve White (Swindon), Ron Fletcher (Burnley), David Crown (Southend), Cyrille Regis (Coventry), Liam Robinson (Bury), Alan Cork (Wimbledon) and perhaps a surprise to some of you the return of Rovers favourite Paul Randall, who has already scored 30 goals for our tenants, Bath City this season. Randall I am convinced would relish the third opportunity of full time professional football for him and would prove popular with the supporters.

Starting this Sunday afternoon, Rovers promotion aspirations will be severally tested as will the clashes in the next 16 days as Rovers will be in action against the two clubs above them in the league table. Only time will tell.



Flashback: Paul Randall scores his 87th league goal against Bolton Wanderers in his 185th match on 29th Jan. 1985.

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 Middle Row (left to right): Roy Dolling (Physiotherapist), Geoff Twenlyman, David Mehew, Christian McClean, Peter Gawley, Nigel Martyn, Devon White, Billy Clark, Ian Hazel, Marcus Browning, Ray Kendall (Kit Manager).
 Seated (left to right): Gary Penrice, Des Bulpin (Club Coach), Gerry Francis (Manager), Geoff Durnford (Director), Ron Bradley (Club Sponsor — Design Windows), Tony Wood (Commercial Manager), Kenny Hibbit (Assistant Manager), Tony Sealy, Ian Holloway.

Note: Penrice (now Watford), Martyn (now Crystal Palace).





Alan Lacock

BOLTON WANDERERS

Today we welcome fellow promotion candidates Bolton Wanderers who were founded in 1874 by pupils and teachers of Christ Church Sunday School, adopting their present title three years later. 1878 saw Bolton become founder members of the Lancashire Football Association and ten years later became founder members of the Football League.



Bolton reached the F.A. Cup final in 1894 losing to Notts County and were relegated to the Second Division in 1899 but immediately regained their First Division status. However they were again relegated in 1903 and a year later again reached the F.A. Cup final losing to Manchester City. Bolton regained their place in the top flight in 1905 and remained there until 1933 (apart from the 1908-09 and 1910-11 seasons which were spent in the Second Division). The 1920's saw the club win the F.A. Cup on three occasions, 1923 v West Ham United in the First Wembley Final, 1926 v Manchester City and 1929 v Portsmouth. Bolton spent the 1933-34 and 1934-35 seasons in the Second Division before returning to the First Division where they remained until the end of the 1963-64 season. For all those years spent in the top flight, the League Championship never found its way to Burnden Park the nearest coming in the 1924-25 season when they finished third, just 3 points behind Huddersfield Town.

Wanderers featured in two more F.A. Cup finals during the 1950's, in 1953 losing by the odd goal in seven in the 'Matthews' final against Blackpool with a side managed by Joe Smith who captained the 'Trotters' in their F.A. Cup victories of 1923 and 1926. Bolton returned to Wembley five years later to defeat a Manchester United decimated by the Munich air disaster three months earlier with a brace of goals from Nat Lofthouse (the second one of the most controversial in Wembley's history) who later managed the club and now it's president.

Relegation to the Second Division followed 6 years later and in 1971 Bolton found themselves playing Third Division football for the first time but two years later returned to the Second Division. Wanderers regained First Division in 1978 but their stay in the top flight was short lived for they were again relegated two years later. This started a sharp decline in the club's fortunes for they were back in the Third Division in 1983 and spent the 1987-88 season in the basement section.

Last season back in the Third Division Bolton finished in 10th position and returned to winning ways at Wembley, defeating Torquay United in the Sherpa Van Trophy after losing to Bristol City in the similar final three years earlier.

Over the years many famous players have graced Burnden Park including fore mentioned Lofthouse, Eddie Hopkinson who hold the club's appearance record, David Jack who scored the first ever goal at Wembley, Roger Hunt who rounded off his playing days at Burnden, and more recently Frank Worthington and Peter Reid. Wanderers recent managers have included Ian Greaves, Stan Anderson, George Mulhall, John McGovern, Jimmy Armfield and Charlie Wright.

At the time of writing Bolton are lying in 4th position and have defeated Blackpool, Bury, Chester, Leyton Orient, Mansfield Town and Wigan Athletic as well as ourselves at home together with victories at Brentford, Cardiff City, Preston North End and Tranmere Rovers.

Current Manager Phil Neal is now one of the division's longest serving managers, having taken charge in December 1983. Phil started his playing career with Northampton Town where he made 186 league appearances before becoming Bob Paisley's first signing at Liverpool. During a 11 year stay at Anfield, Phil had 455 league outings and played in six European finals together with six domestic finals on the International front Phil represented England 50 times and played in the 1982 World Cup.



Phil Neal



BOLTON WANDERERS



Back row left to right: Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill.

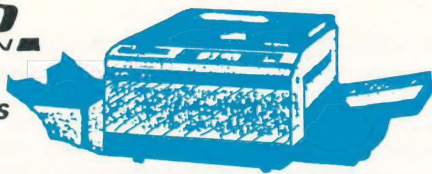
Middle row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (Physio).

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PLAYING SQUAD

Goalkeepers: David Felgate is now in his third spell at Burnden Park having served an apprenticeship with the club. David left Bolton for Lincoln City in September 1980 without making a senior appearance but had loan spells at Rochdale and Crewe Alexandra where he gained league experience. David made 198 league appearances for the Imps and had a loan spell with Cardiff City before joining Grimsby in February 1985. David returned to Burnden Park for a loan spell in February 1986 and rejoined the club permanently a year later. David who is 29, is a Welsh international and has been an ever present for the last two seasons. Kevin Rose started his career with Ledbury Town before joining Lincoln City in August 1979 but returned without making a League appearance. Kevin who is 29 moved to nearby Hereford United in March 1983 where he made 268 league appearances (including a run of 250) before joining Wanderers in the summer.

Defenders: Skipper Phil Brown started his career with Hartlepool United where he had 217 league outings before joining Halifax Town in July 1985 completing a further 135 outings for the Shaymen. Phil linked up with Bolton June 1988 and was an ever present last term, aged 30. Barry Cowdrill joined Bolton from West Bromwich Albion in July 1988 who secured his services from Sutton Coldfield. Barry who is 33, made 131 league appearances at the Hawthorns over an eight year period. Dean Crombie started his career at Lincoln City where he made 33 league appearances before joining Grimsby Town in August 1978. 32 years old Dean made 316 league appearances for the "Mariners" before linking up with Bolton in August 1987. Mark Came started his career with Winsford United and has over 150 league outings to his credit since joining Bolton in April 1984. Mark who is 28 broke a leg early last term, from which he has now happily fully recovered. Mark Winstanley came up through the club's junior ranks and has now completed 90 league outings since making his league bow in March 1986, aged 22. Martin Pike who is currently on 'loan' from Sheffield United started his career with West Bromwich Albion but didn't make his league debut until he joined Peterborough United in August 1983. Martin who is 25 made 126 league appearances for the 'Posh' before linking up with Sheffield United three years later. Martin who has made over 120 league appearances for the Blades had a loan period with Tranmere Rovers earlier this term.

Midfield: Julian Darby is another player who came up through the club's junior ranks and has now 130 league appearances to his credit since making his league bow in March 1986, aged 21. Paul Comstive started his career with Blackburn Rovers before joining Wigan Athletic (via a loan spell with Rochdale) in August 1983. Paul had 35 league outings at Springfield Park before joining Wrexham in November 1984 where he made 99 league appearances. Paul who is 28 then linked up with Burnley in July 1987 making a further 87 league appearances before finding his way to Burnden Park in September. Gary Henshaw learnt his trade with Grimsby Town where he made 50 league appearances before joining Bolton in June 1987. Gary who is 24 has now 70 league outings for the 'Trotters' to his credit. Steve Thompson is a former club apprentice who has had over 260 league outings to his credit since making his bow in November 1982. Steve who is 25 is currently the 'Trotters' longest serving player.



Julian Darby



Steve Thompson

Forwards: Summer signings David Reeves and Tony Philliskirk have formed Bolton's strike force the majority of this season. 22 year old David who scored his first league goal for the club against the Rovers earlier this season was recruited from Sheffield Wednesday in July after 17 league outings for the Hillsborough club. David has also had loan spells with Scunthorpe United (for whom he made his league bow) and Burnley. Tony started his career with the other Sheffield club where he had 80 league outings before joining Oldham Athletic (via a loan spell at Rotherham United) in July 1988. 24 year old Tony then joined Preston North End last January before being enticed to Burnden Park. Maltese born Ian Stevens started his career with Preston North End before joining Stockport County in October 1986. 23 year old Ian then drifted into non league football with Lancaster City before joining Bolton in March 1987. Mike Jeffrey a former club trainee made his league debut in March after promising displays in the reserves, aged 18.



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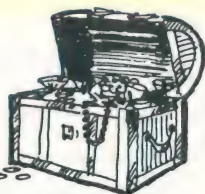
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Finally, we are hoping to have a permanent spot for our T.V. (with a bigger screen!) so that you can all watch all the football results and hopefully unbiased reports on the Rovers. At the same time you can vote for your 'Man of the Match'.

MEMBERSHIP

This is now well over a 1000! Considering we've had no cup runs this season it is an impressive total. Remember it gives you priority for all ticket matches. It can never be guaranteed, but we've learn't from our mistakes last year, so keep joining — its only £2.

NEW GROUND

We are most impressed with the way the board of directors are handling the situation. However we will shortly be having a meeting with them to ensure that supporters club members have adequate facilities — i.e. club room, skittles alley, club shop for sales of programmes and souvenirs. Watch this space and KEEP WRITING LETTERS TO YOUR LOCAL M.P.'s!

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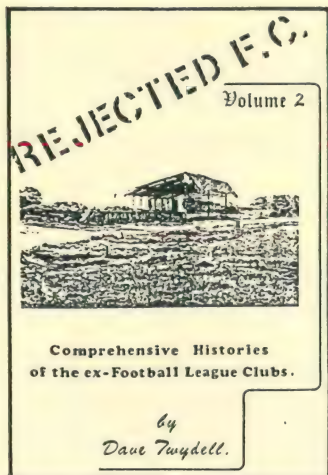
Large number of soccer books are published at this time of year but unfortunately the quality of the majority does not always match the high cover prices. Many are merely memoirs or journalistic opinion by those who have already gained a fair living from the fans of the game.

Occasionally a gifted amateur undertakes original research to produce a book which will fill a gap within the available soccer books. Unfortunately, there are very few publishers willing to finance such work or even enthusiasts with sufficient love of the game to produce such outstanding books. One exception is Brentford fan Dave Twydell, who has undertaken extensive historical research into past League Clubs and grounds, but unfortunately no commercial publisher could be found. He has already produced one volume which recorded the history of half of the rejected League clubs from the League which sold out and has just published the companion volume — **REJECTED F.C. — Vol 2.** himself.

Within its 480 pages he charts the histories of Accrington, Barrow, Darwen, Durham City, Gainsborough Trinity, Merthyr, Middlesbrough Ironopolis, New Brighton, Northwich Victoria, Southport and Thames Association.

The majority of fans will recall the demise of Accrington Stanley who played their last game in a snowstorm at Crewe Alexandra on 3rd March 1962 in front of 4,272 just three days before resigning from the League with debts of over £40,000 and 13 fixtures remaining unplayed. However, few perhaps know that Northwich Victoria played just 50 games in two seasons 1890-2 but have occupied their Drill Field since 1877 which makes it the oldest venue of League soccer still in use today. Similarly Thames Association occupied the West Ham Stadium in Custom House for their two seasons 1930-2 which was the largest stadium (Capacity 120,000) ever regularly used for League football. Unfortunately, it once attracted the lowest official attendance (469 v Luton on 6th December 1930) for a Saturday League game.

Copies of this excellent book are available from the author Dave Twydell at 12 The Furrows, Harfield, Middlesex UB9 6AT price £13.35 incl p&p.



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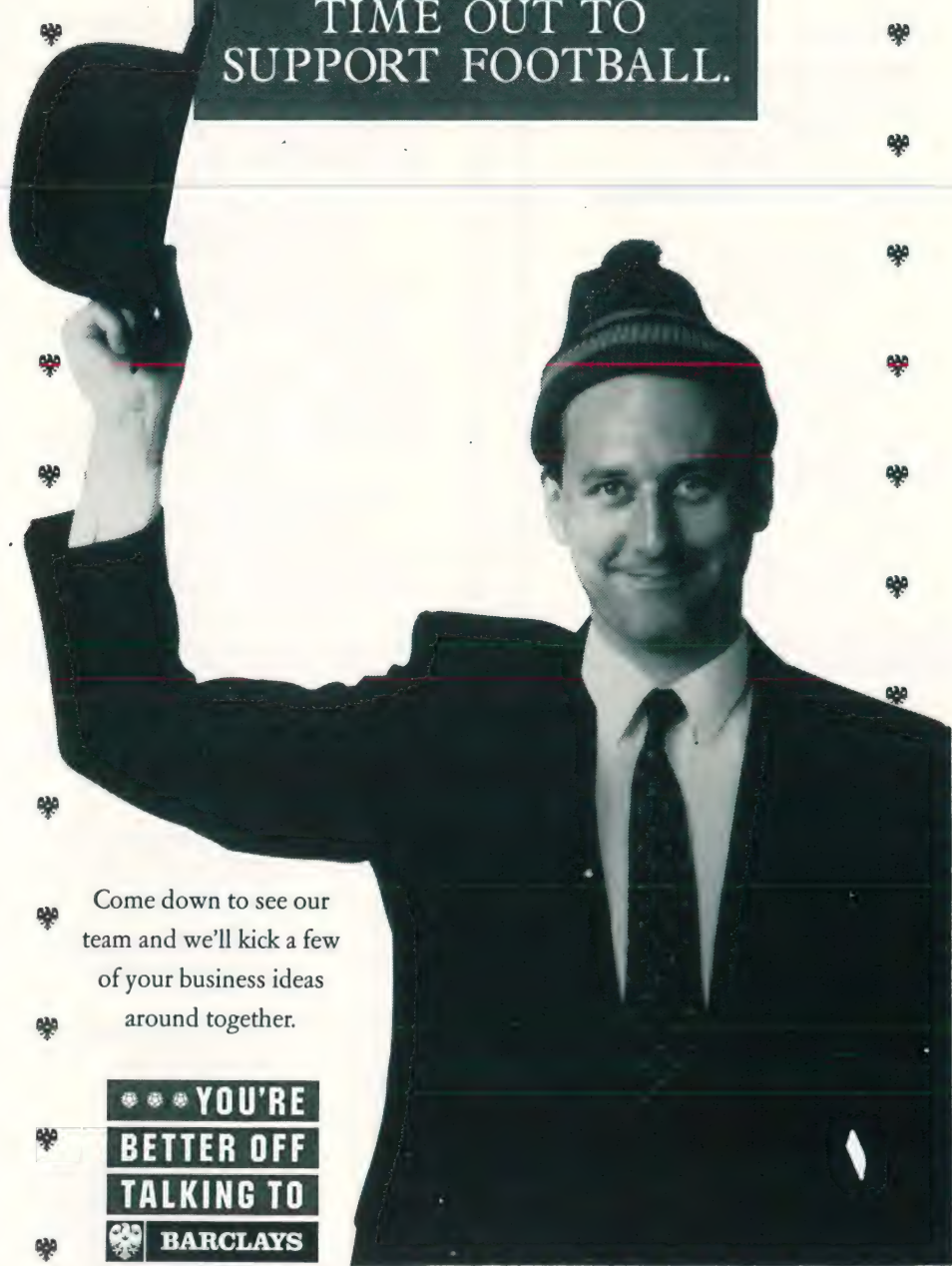
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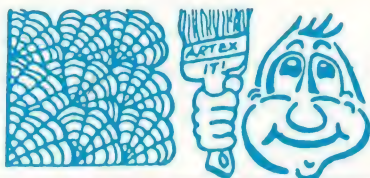
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KNOWING YOUR CLUB

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Bob Twyford



Halfway through the season and it seems appropriate to take a look at crowd behaviour so far.

We have a reputation for giving noisy and vociferous support to our team but our record, with regard to general behaviour, is very good.

Nevertheless, we cannot afford to be complacent. There continues to be a tiny element who lend themselves in trouble, particularly at away matches. Without quoting figures, the number of arrests away from home is three times greater than arrests at Twerton Park — and I am only referring to Rovers fans.

A fair proportion of those arrests are related to drink — alcohol that is — so therein must lie a message.

Give it a bit of a thought in future, for what's the point of spending money on travel and for admittance to a ground and then having an afternoon in a Police Cell. Football is not cheap these days and to end up in Police custody makes it even more expensive.

R TWYFORD
Club Secretary

PRESS GANGED

Robin Perry
Bristol Evening Post



Bristol Rovers directors seem to be fast running out of friends and must be thanking heaven for dear little St Blazey. The board upset Mangotsfield United by sending them a cheque for £500 in appreciation for the part they played in developing the career of Gary Penrice — now a £500,000 striker with Second Division Watford.

That brought them a load of abuse from the Great Mills League Club, who thought they should have been given much more.

They almost sent the cheque back — describing it as "a joke" — but decided instead to donate to the Gloucestershire football Association's Benevolent Fund.

Then Rovers' directors, with significant money in the bank for the first time since the 1950s, wanted to give their modestly-paid players a pay rise in recognition of achievements over the past couple of seasons.

The players were delighted — only to discover the League had put a block on contracts being altered in mid-season. And that appears to have rebounded on the board, too.

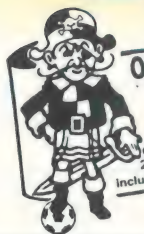
St Blazey, on the other hand, are still buzzing with excitement after receiving a donation of £2,000 following the sale by Rovers of the Cornish club's former goalkeeper Nigel Martyn to Crystal Palace.

They rate Rovers' directors the best thing since sliced bread. Pity St Blazey is so far away!

ROBIN PERRY



Dave Peacey



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STITCH THAT!

**"Congratulations, it's a 48 page,
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There may have been mention elsewhere in the programme regarding the "edition" for the Mansfield game on 13th January, regarding the temporary absence of programme editor, Mike Jay.

If there was the odd aroma of either about the pages or the occasional dotted line marked "Incision A here" etc. you may care to know that Mike Jay has been side-lined in Frenchay Hospital and whilst awaiting his turn on the conveyer-belt outside Theatre 2 was busy editing as per usual. I should add my heartfelt thanks to the surgical registrar for the brilliant piece of "cutting" on my last piece, the final draft being indistinguishable from the original — such skill!

Meanwhile, back at H.Q. Sue Jay was assuming the mantle of power regarding getting "copy" for the programme on time, what a team. A first for Rovers and maybe the Football League — a woman editing the matchday programme. And why not? (how did Barry Norman get in there?). But following on from that point, and to touch on a subject raised by Gordon Pearce in the "Pirate" for the Tranmere Rovers game, do clubs cater sufficiently for women in matchday programmes? I'm not suggesting, we adopt a condescending "knit your own Rovers scarf with this week's exclusive pattern" type of article or "How to stop your sponges sinking faster than Walsall's promotion hopes" but it would be nice to know the female view.

Finally, having seen the "documentary" on Millwall ("No one likes us, we don't care") on Channel 4 the other night and their "surgical mask" section of followers thanks to an inside source at Frenchay Hospital (see above) we believe we could go one better, a non-violent organisation identified by the raised bed-pen in the left hand in the manner of the black power demos of the 60's (yes, I know they just used a clenched fist). Anyone interested . . .

Apologies for this article — it's not easy to write while listening to Robert Palmer's "Additions Vol. 1" — any chance of Keith Valle playing some prior to K.O.??? ("Some like it hot" or "Style Kills" maybe?).

DAVE PEACEY

Editors Note: As a post script to my 12 day stay in Frenchay Hospital, I should just like to recount two questions I posed to the surgeon as I was wheeled into the operating theatre to have 2 discs removed from my back . . . Are you just starting or finishing your 120 hour week and are you a Bristol Rovers or City fan. To which he replied as the injection went into my arm. "Don't worry, I will tell you some jokes, which will soon have you in stitches" 19 to be precise, I later discovered.

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BACK IN TIME

THE ROVERS IN 1918-19

David Woods



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Continuing the fragmented look into the Rovers exploits during the period of the 1st World War I find in the last season of wartime football that the 'Bristol County Combination' continued its operations and the Rovers won the Championship. My research into this season has been successful in ascertaining the result of every Roves game as follows:-

Friendlies

Sep	7 Bristol & Col. Aeroplane Co	(h)	3-2	W	Skuse (2), Gyles	
	14 Bristol City	(h)	5-2	W	Weston (3), Baker, Pedrick.	
Oct	5 Bristol City	(a)	2-4	L	Bush, Weston.	
	26 Bristol City	(h)	1-0	W	Weston	2,000
Nov	2 Royal Engineers (Portbury)	(h)	3-1	W	Bennett, Stone, Farquharson o.g.	
	16 V.M.C.A.	(h)	5-0	W	Skuse (3), Weston, Harding.	
	30 Bristol City	(a)	0-0	D		
Dec	7 R.A.F. (Yate)	(h)	5-1	W	Weston (3), Crompton (2).	
	14 Discharged Navy XI	(h)	5-0	W	Weston (3), Gyles, Pendrick.	
	21 Bristol & Col. Aeroplane Co	(h)	3-2	W	Rawlins (2), Pendrick.	
	25 Bristol City	(h)	2-2	D	Walker, Weston.	3,000
	28 Bristol Dockers	(h)	10-1	W	Skuse (4), Rawlins (2), Crompton, Walker, Weston, Baker pen.	
Jan	11 Repatrd Soldiers & Sailors	(h)	6-0	W	Sleigh (2), Crompton, Weston, Walker, Skuse.	
	25 R.F.A.	(h)	5-1	W	Skuse (2), Stone, Walker, Roe.	
Feb	1 Bristol City	(a)	2-0	D	Walker, Skuse.	
	8 Newport County	(h)	3-0	W	Stone (2), Crompton.	
	15 G.W.R. Cartage	(h)	20-0	W	Rawlins (4), Crompton (3 inc 1 pen), Panes (3 inc 1 pen), Gyles (3), Grubb (3), Roe (2), Bennett, Whitton.	
Mar	1 Army XI	(h)	5-2	W	Weston (2), Skuse (2), Crompton.	4,000
	8 Bristol City	(a)	0-1	L		
	22 Swindon Town	(h)	3-2	W	Roe, Skuse, Weston.	
	29 Cardiff City	(h)	3-0	W	Rawlins, Buckle, Weston.	
Apr	5 Bristol City	(h)	2-0	W	Skuse, Rawlins.	6,431
	18 Bristol City	(a)	5-1	W	Skuse (3), Rawlins (2).	
	19 Swindon Town	(h)	5-2	W	Skuse (2), Weston, Buckle, Rawlins.	
	22 Newport County	(a)	2-1	W	Rawlins (2).	
	26 Cardiff City	(a)	0-1	L		
	28 Douglas F.C.	(h)	1-0	W	Cooke.	
	30 Swansea Town	(a)	0-4	L		
May	3 Gloucestershire County XI	(h)	1-1	D	Buckle.	
	10 Bristol City	(h)	4-1	W	Weston (2), Rawlins (2).	7,450
	24 Bristol City	(h)	1-2	L	Rawlins	4,044

Bristol County Combination

Sep	21 Dischgd Soldiers & Sailors*	(h)	14-1	W	Pendrick, Stone, Skuse, Crompton, Gyles.	
	28 R.A.F. (Filton)*	(h)	3-0	W	Weston (2), Baker.	
Oct	12 Royal Engineers (Portbury)*	(h)	0-0	D		
	19 Bristol Dockers	(h)	4-1	W	Weston (2), Pendrick, Stone.	
Nov	23 R.A.F. (Filton)*	(h)	3-0	W	Pendrick, Crompton, Weston.	
Dec	26 Bristol City	(a)	3-2	W	Weston (3)	3,000
Jan	18 Bristol Dockers	(h)	4-0	W	Griffiths (3), Weston.	
Mar	15 R.A.V.C.	(h)	7-0	W	Weston (4), Rawlins (2), Buckle.	
Apr	12 R.A.V.C.	(h)	8-0	W	Rawlins (4), Crompton (2), Skuse, Weston.	
	21 Bristol City	(h)	1-1	D	Crompton pen.	11,053

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FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rov.	6	5	1	0	27	4	11
Bristol City	6	4	1	1	17	4	9
Bristol Dock	6	2	0	4	11	18	4
R.A.V.C.	6	0	0	6	3	32	0

* Resigned from League during course of season. Results expunged.

It will be noted that goalscorers are missing in regard to the 14-1 success over the Discharged Soldiers & Sailors, this is because I haven't as yet found a full match account, but the probability is that several of the scorers named obtained more than one goal. At the Rovers match versus Bristol Dockers on October 19th a collection for the widow of Rovers fullback T. Ford, who died of influenza, raised £10.10.0. The match on May 24th saw full strength Rovers and City teams playing. In the guise of Crompton's XI and Wedlock's XI, in a match for Charity when £120 was raised. Rawlins scored after 4 minutes for the Rovers, and City replied through Neesam 20 and Morgan 23 to bring wartime football to a close.

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Thinking along these lines, Bristol Rovers are endeavouring to bring along young players and show them that football is a team game in which all members are interdependent upon each other and that in order to field a team there must be a club in which all the individuals are welded together in an enthusiastic unit.

In laying down the foundations of the future there can be no room for jealousies or discontent — not even for one discordant note. For the team manager a team playing together with the right spirit must be more successful than one composed of players using individual methods, however brilliant.

Bristol Rovers wish to continue in adopting this team building policy which has brought success, coupled with the continued support of our loyal fans".

(The above article actually appeared in a Bristol Rovers News Bulletin **45 year ago** on the 17th October 1945. Its importance is still a major factor in the club's success today.

If we all pull together as a Team, Directors, Managers, Players and Supporters alike, success is possible, even with limited resources.

If we fragment, all the success we have achieved to date will be lost — I think it is something we should all remember).

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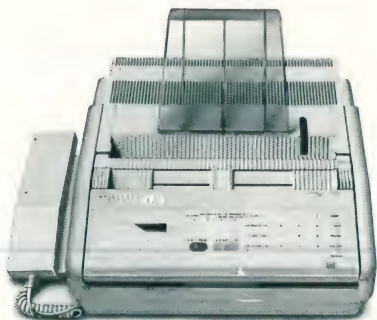


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ZINE SCENE

Boltons NORMID NOMAD is another 'fanzine' that has fallen foul of its club and recently Boltons Chief Executive was quoted in the local newspaper as saying "We felt that some of the comments in the magazine were detrimental to the clubs image" — It has now been banned from being sold inside the ground. It is a shame as I found everything it had to say both good humoured and to the point. "We started the NORMID NOMAD because there is no official supporters club so we felt that something was needed as a vehicle for fans to air their views" said designer Paul Winnard "The name of the 'fanzine' comes from the Normid Superstore which sits like a white elephant to the left of the visitors enclosure and Nomad comes from the fact that the 'fanzine' is not accepted by the club.

NORMID NOMAD is a very well produced 'fanzine' — Paul being a professional illustrator, highlights of the Christmas edition are: Liam Fat Brat — A cartoon strip about an imaginary footballer from arch-rivals Bury, Match Reports, Italy 90 — A sardonic view of the World Cup draw, Pie Mans Christmas Caper — A cartoon strip of the World Cup draw, Pie Mans Christmas Caper — A cartoon strip of a Batman/Superman type hero called Pie Man who lives on the inferior ples sold at Burnden Park, Fanzine Reviews, Travel Club — A light hearted look at the Wanderers Travel Club through another cartoon strip and Safety First — can the police and stewards control a 10,000 + crowd at Burnden Park.

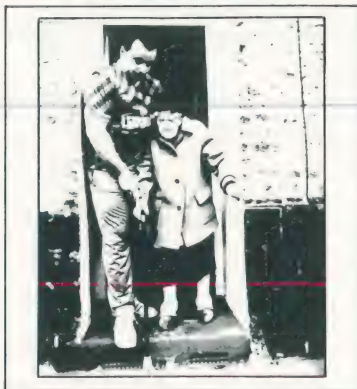
This is the best 'fanzine' I have reviewed since Reading's TAKING THE BISCUIT, it is an absolute gem showing superb humour and excellent cartoons. A copy of NORMID NOMAD is a must for any fan who loves 'fanzines' whether you are from Bolton, Bath, Bristol or Barcelona do yourself a favour — buy a copy. I award Paul and editor Anthony Coffey 9 out of 10 for their efforts and look forward to reading The Best of the Normid Nomad — out soon. Copies are available from the away terrace today at Twerton Park or from PO Box 2, Worsley SO, Manchester, M28 6XY. Please enclose 50p and an A4 SAE.

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ALAN CASSE — Avon Press



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Andy Reece powers in a shot on the Exeter City goal in Rovers convincing 3-0 victory.



VAUGHAN JONES

Captain

Young Pirate Ben Flenk asks the questions.

Q. How is the testimonial season going?
A. Very well thank you. Thanks for the support and look out for future events.

Q. How have things changed at Rovers during both stays with club?
A. The club has more money but the wages are the same.

Q. What do you think of Rovers' disciplinary record as captain?
A. It could be better but it's over the season that counts and not in the first half of it.

Q. Have the team adapted well to losing two star men in rapid succession?
A. Yes and No. Yes on the goalkeeping aspect. But I think we should be scoring more goals.

Q. Can you see a suitable replacement for Gary in any of the 3rd Division sides?
A. No, nobody suitable on what I've seen up until now.

Q. What is the general feeling amongst the team of the F.A. Cup, in comparison with the League?

A. It's obviously important. But the League is the priority for all clubs from Liverpool to Hartlepool?



BEN FLENK

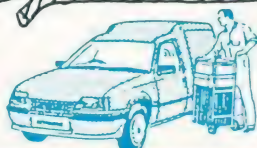


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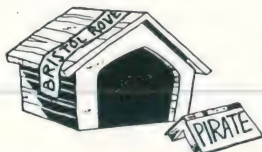
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Total mileage: 114.8 miles (route courtesy of Automobile Association).

ROVERS SUPPORTERS CLUB AWAY TRAVEL SERVICE: Coaches will depart Eastville Stadium at 4.30pm. Fare \$5.50.

TRAVELLERS TALES — Compiled by Phil Draper of St George, Bristol.

Trip to: Brentford, 20th January 1990. Journey price and time taken: **\$5** by car two hours excluding breaks. Approx number of Rovers travelling support: **2000** — All ticket arrangements made a nonsense yet again by a cash turnstile. Opinion of ground and its facilities: **Good stadium, visitors end needs additional toilets the siting of loos and refreshment kiosk up a single narrow lane entrance/exit is dangerous.** View from Visitors End/Enclosure: **Excellent from both, uninterrupted view without fences.** Club programme price/value for money: **\$1 excellent strangely had loose 4 page supplement.** Coverage of Rovers in programme: **More than usual, 2 pages of history and pen pics, 2 pages included former meeting and statistics.** Food and drink available and its quality/selection: **The kiosk seemed busy but ate at chinese take away near Griffin Pub.** Conduct of Stewards/Police at ground: **Mainly good natured but could not understand why one PC insisted terrace fans go long way around to the toilets.** Colour of shirts worn by Rovers: **The famous quarters.** Rovers man of the match: **Ian Holloway (Constant Effort).** Opposition man of the match: **Richard Cadette (Constant problems).** Performance of referee: **Combined with the linesmen to make Brentford a 13 man outfit!** Performance/Variety of songs from home supporters: **They came second we're the Fulham Haters and you're not singing anymore.** Match entertainment value (max marks 10): **5.** Other comments of trip: **Janet screamed 23 times and was fed up, Bertie and friend got there late after a \$37 taxi ride from Newbury after his new car had expired.**

RESERVE/YOUTH TEAM NEWS

6th January — OXFORD UNITED 3 BRISTOL ROVERS YOUTH 0

(S.E. Counties Youth League Division 2)

Team: Hervin; Jones, Owen, Maddison, Chenoweth, Archer, James, Reeves, Tovey, Stewart and Bourne. Subs: Seymour and Kempster.

9th January — PLYMOUTH ARGYLE RESERVES 1 BRISTOL ROVERS RESERVES 0

(Capital Finance S.W. Counties League).

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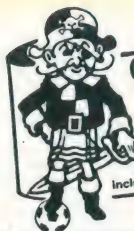
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'Man of the Match' Ian Holloway and Runner-Up David Mehew receive their awards from match sponsors, Ron Bradley — Design Windows (Systems) Ltd and Helen, Guest of Trevor Lewis — T.L. Trucking Co. after last week's 3-0 win over Exeter City in the DAF Cup.

Ian, opened the scoring from the penalty spot early in the first half, with David netting the third in the 86th minute, just 6 minutes after Tony Sealy had scored Rovers 2nd.

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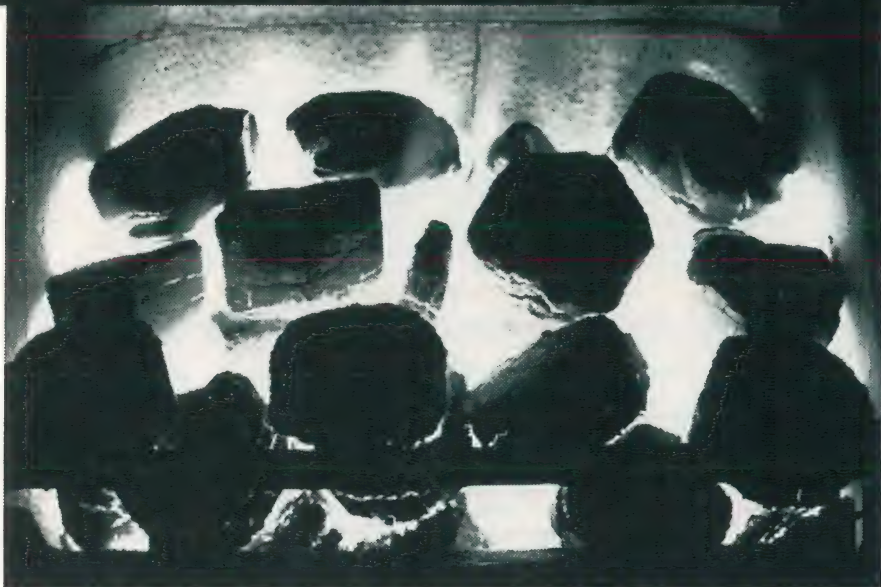


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Hello again Young Pirates, and welcome also to all Junior Wanderers supporters who have travelled down from Lancashire today. The Pirates will be out for revenge on this Sunday afternoon as Bolton were the first team to beat Rovers in the League this season, back in September at Burnden Park, so we should be in for an exciting afternoon.

★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT ★ MASCOT



Pictured left in his Rovers kit and also right with his pet dog Millie is this afternoons young Pirates lucky mascot 10 year old Matthew Skinner from Concorde Drive, Westbury-on-Trym in Bristol. A Rovers supporter for 4 years (his dad for 25). Matthew attends the Westbury-on-Trym Cofe School and his hobbies include football, rounders, karate and music. Matthew who plays for his school football team selects Phil Purnell and Ian Holloway as his favourite players. Good luck to you and have an enjoyable day Matthew.



★ BIRTHDAYS ★ BIRTHDAYS ★ BIRTHDAYS ★ BIRTHDAYS ★ BIRTHDAYS ★ BIRTHDAYS

Many Happy Returns to the following members:

January 27th, Matthew Skidmore, Westerleigh Road, Pucklechurch, aged 16 years.
 January 28th, Adele Ford, Bishport Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol, aged 1 year.
 January 28th, Darren Olds, Caldicot Close, Willsbridge, Bristol, aged 9 years.
 January 29th, James Moore, Syston Lane, Webbs Heath, Warmley, Bristol, aged 10 years.
 January 29th, Adam Tucker, Randall Close, Kingswood, Bristol, aged 11 years.
 January 29th, Matthew Jackson, Newbridge Road, Bath, aged 4 years.
 January 29th, Richard Dagger, Westbourne Road, Downend, Bristol, aged 14 years.
 January 31st, Chaz Thomas, Ridgeway, Frome, Somerset, aged 15 years.
 February 1st, Tim Bruton, Lockingwell Road, Keynsham, Bristol, aged 12 years.
 February 2nd, Paul Newman, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol, aged 11 years.
 February 2nd, Andrew Alexander, Kestrel Close, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol, aged 4 years.
 February 2nd, Lee McKay, Seymour Road, Staple Hill, Bristol, aged 10 years.

Congratulations to you all.

★ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ★ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ★ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ★

Watch out for news of the following forthcoming events.

- * Young Pirates family coach to Fulham on Saturday 17th March.
- * End of Season Pirate costume contest with some super prizes on offer.
- * Jason Moir Memorial award for the Young Pirates Player of the Year.

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We have had to re-arrange our Party Night. We shall now be holding a Valentines Party on Sunday February 11th at Spirals, Yate. 7.30 to 11.30. There is cabaret, dancing and disco so it will be a great night.

Tickets are £3.50 (FREE to members) from Two Mile Hill Road.

Please apply early and if possible let us have a stamped addressed envelope.

Look forward to seeing you
MARTYN RADNEDGE

ON THE HORIZON



BOB FORD

No-one will need reminding that two teams from Bristol will play football in Bath on 3rd February.

The men in red will be pleased with the first half of the season especially considering their situation on 21st October. A 0-1 defeat at Mansfield Town had seen them slip to eighth place and the distinct possibility of losing touch with the leading pack loomed. There followed a sequence of fifteen league and cup matches which culminated in the win at Birmingham in mid January that lifted them into the top spot of Division Three. During that run they only once failed to score and were beaten only once and that was at Huddersfield who produced one of their many last gasp goals to win 2-1.

Although City continue to rely on Bob Taylor's goals, since Mansfield the scoring load has been distributed more widely with 17 of the 26 strikes coming from other sources. In fact so keen have his fellow professionals been to ease the load on Taylor that Gary Swann of Preston even came to City's assistance with an own goal to set up a 2-1 win on New Years Day.

Making the short trip to Twerton has not ranked among the most rewarding of journeys away from Ashton. Three league trips have produced 0-0, 1-0 and 1-1 results and a Sherpa Van tie in November 1988 ended 1-0 to the home side. So not a win to show but they will surely be comforted by the departure of Gary Penrice the scorer of all three Rovers goals in those four matches.

City have not recorded an away league victory at Rovers since 28th December 1974. I would expect a hard fought and close battle next weekend and at the final whistle let's hope the barren sequence will be extended.

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HOME TEAM \ AWAY TEAM	BIRMINGHAM	BLACKPOOL	BOLTON	BRENTFORD	BRISTOL CITY	BRISTOL ROVERS	BURY	CARDIFF	CHESTER	CREWE	FULHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	LEYTON ORIENT	MANSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	NOTTS COUNTY	PRESTON	READING	ROTHERHAM	SHREWSBURY	SWANSEA	TRANMERE	WALSALL	WIGAN
BIRMINGHAM			1-0		0-4			1-1		3-0	1-1	0-1	0-0		4-0		3-1				2-0	2-1	2-0	
BLACKPOOL	3-2			4-0			0-1	1-0		1-3	0-1	2-2				0-0		0-0		0-1	0-3		0-0	
BOLTON		2-0				1-0	3-1	3-1	1-0		0-0		2-1	1-1	0-3						0-0	1-1	3-2	
BRENTFORD	0-1		1-2		0-2	2-1	0-1		1-1		2-0		4-3	2-1					4-2			2-4	4-0	3-1
BRISTOL CITY	1-0	2-0	1-1			0-0	1-0						2-1				2-0	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-3			3-0
BRISTOL ROVERS	0-0	1-1		1-0							2-0	2-2		1-1	4-2	3-2	3-0	0-0			2-0	2-0		
BURY	0-0				1-1	0-0				0-3			2-0	3-0			1-2	4-0	1-1		3-2	0-2	2-2	
CARDIFF			0-2	2-2	0-3	1-1	3-1		1-1				1-1		2-3	1-3	3-0					0-0		
CHESTER	4-0	2-0		1-1		0-0	1-4			2-1	0-2	2-1	1-0	0-2		3-3						1-1	0-0	
CREWE	0-2		2-2	2-3	0-1	1-0		1-1			2-3			2-1	2-1	1-0		1-1	0-0					
FULHAM			2-2		0-1		2-2	2-5				0-0		1-0	1-1				1-1	2-1	2-0	1-2		4-0
HUDDERSFIELD			1-1	1-0	2-1		2-1	2-3					2-0		2-2	1-2				1-1	1-0		1-0	2-0
LEYTON ORIENT		2-0				0-1			0-3	2-1	1-1			3-1	1-1	0-1	3-1	4-1		1-0				1-0
MANSFIELD		0-3			1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0				1-2			1-2	1-3	2-2		2-1				0-2	
NORTHAMPTON		4-2		0-2	2-0		0-1	1-0								0-0	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-1			
NOTTS COUNTY	3-2	0-1	2-1	3-1			0-4				2-0		1-0				2-1	0-0	2-0	4-0		1-0		1-1
PRESTON		2-1	1-4	4-2			2-3		5-0	0-0	1-0	3-3						1-0		2-1	2-2	2-2	1-1	
READING	0-2			1-0	1-1				1-1	1-1	3-2	0-0							3-2	3-3		1-0	0-1	
ROTHERHAM	5-1	1-1	1-0			3-2		4-0	5-0			0-0	5-2				3-1			4-2			2-2	1-2
SHREWSBURY	2-0		3-3	1-0		2-3	3-1		2-0	0-0			4-2	0-1				1-1			1-1	3-1		
SWANSEA		0-0		2-1				0-1	2-1	3-2		1-3			1-1	0-0	2-1	1-6	1-0			1-0		
TRANMERE			1-3		6-0		2-4	3-0	0-0	1-1	2-1	4-0	3-0	1-1					2-1				2-1	
WALSALL					0-2	1-2		0-2		1-1	0-0	2-3	1-3		1-0	2-2	1-0			0-2	0-1			
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	DATE			● All Ticket Matches 12/14 = Playing substitute S = Non playing substitute ★ = penalty ●● = no longer with club							
1	AUG 19	(SAT)	BRENTFORD	1-0	W	5,835	-	1-0	J. Rushton	-----	
2	AUG 26	(SAT)	MANSFIELD TOWN	1-0	W	3,050	4	0-0	G. Aplin	Hazel/11	
3	SEPT 2	(SAT)	NOTTS COUNTY	3-2	W	4,753	1	3-1	M. Bodenham	Nixon/10	
4	SEPT 9	(SAT)	BOLTON WANDERERS	0-1	L	5,913	3	0-0	K. Barratt	Nixon/10	
5	SEPT 16	(SAT)	PRESTON NORTH END	3-0	W	4,350	1	3-0	K. Cooper	Sealy/8	
6	SEPT 23	(SAT)	BRISTOL CITY	0-0	D	17,432	2	0-0	J. Deakin	-----	
7	SEPT 26	(TUE)	LEYTON ORIENT (7.45pm)	1-0	W	4,675	1	1-0	M. Bailey	-----	
8	SEPT 30	(SAT)	READING	0-0	D	6,120	2	0-0	K. A. Cooper	-----	
9	OCT 7	(SAT)	FULHAM	2-0	W	5,811	2	0-0	J. Carter	Hazel/2	
10	OCT 14	(SAT)	BURY	0-0	D	3,969	2	0-0	A. Smith	Sealy/4	
11	OCT 17	(TUE)	CARDIFF CITY (7.30pm)	1-1	D	6,372	3	0-0	J. Moules	Sealy/4	
12	OCT 21	(SAT)	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	4-2	W	4,920	1	0-1	M. James	Sealy/10	
13	OCT 28	(SAT)	CHESTER CITY	0-0	D	2,618	1	0-0	T. Mills/M. Penn	-----	
14	NOV 1	(WED)	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (8pm)	2-2	D	6,467	1	1-0	A. Simmons	-----	
15	NOV 4	(SAT)	BLACKPOOL	1-1	D	5,520	2	0-0	D. Hedges	Willmott/7	
16	NOV 11	(SAT)	SHREWSBURY TOWN	3-2	W	4,746	1	1-1	T. Simpson	-----	
17	NOV 25	(SAT)	SWANSEA CITY	2-0	W	5,623	1	1-0	D. Elleray	McClean/10	
18	DEC 2	(SAT)	WALSALL	2-1	W	4,038	1	1-1	D. Phillips	Cawley/4	
19	DEC 15	(FRI)	CREWE ALEXANDRA (7.30pm)	0-1	L	3,473	1	0-0	A. Dawson	Hazel/11	
20	DEC 26	(TUE)	BIRMINGHAM CITY ● (12.30pm)	0-0	D	6,573	2	0-0	K. A. Cooper	Cawley/2	
21	DEC 30	(SAT)	TRANMERE ROVERS	2-0	W	6,821	2	0-0	I. Hemley	McClean/11	
22	JAN 1	(MON)	ROTHERHAM UNITED	2-3	L	7,750	2	1-1	T. Lunt	McClean/11	
23	JAN 13	(SAT)	MANSFIELD TOWN	1-1	D	5,339	3	1-0	P. Allcock	Purnell/10	
24	JAN 20	(SAT)	BRENTFORD	1-2	L	7,414	3	0-0	D. Axcell	Purnell/11	
25	JAN 28	(SUN)	BOLTON WANDERERS								
26	FEB 3	(SAT)	BRISTOL CITY ●								
27	FEB 10	(SAT)	PRESTON NORTH END								
28	FEB 13	(TUE)	NOTTS COUNTY (7.30pm)								
29	FEB 17	(SAT)	WALSALL								
30	FEB 24	(SAT)	SWANSEA CITY								
31	MAR 3	(SAT)	WIGAN ATHLETIC								
32	MAR 6	(TUE)	READING (8.00pm)								
33	MAR 11	(SUN)	LEYTON ORIENT								
34	MAR 17	(SAT)	FULHAM								
35	MAR 21	(WED)	BURY (8pm)								
36	MAR 24	(SAT)	CARDIFF CITY ● (12 noon)								
37	MAR 31	(SAT)	NORTHAMPTON TOWN								
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Aug 8th	(TUE)	BRISTOL CITY	(GC)	2-1	W	6,153
Aug 23rd	(WED)	PORTSMOUTH	(LC)	1-0	W	4,727
Aug 29th	(TUE)	PORTSMOUTH	(LC)	0-2	L	5,287
Nov 7th	(TUE)	TORQUAY UTD	(LDC)	1-1	D	2,218
Nov 18th	(SAT)	READING	(FAC)	1-1	D	6,115
Nov 21st	(TUE)	READING (Replay)	(FAC)	1-1	D	6,015
Nov 27th	(MON)	READING (2nd Replay)	(FAC)	0-1	L	6,782
Jan 17th	(WED)	EXETER C.	(LDC)	3-0	W	3,136
Jan 24th	(WED)	GILLINGHAM	(LDC)	1-0	W	2,724
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Quite simply, Colne Dynamos are in a class of their own.

The club is owned and managed by a 46 year old multi-millionaire property developer, Graham White. Mr White predicts 'his team' while currently in a commanding position on top of the HFS loans league and have recently hammered Conference Club Altrincham 5-0 in the FA Trophy, will in 12 months time be on the verge of joining the football league.

Plans are already advanced for a new purpose built stadium to cater for 20,000 supporters. Currently Colne average 1,000 fans but are a serious threat to near neighbours Burnley as the club grows under the encouraging leadership of Graham

White who states that "the decision to go full time during the close season was the biggest step the club has ever taken." Darlington are the only other full time non league side and are currently going well with a few games in hand. Rovers Manager Gerry Francis will be envious of Colne Manager White who has already spent £75,000 on four new players during the summer. The players efforts on the field has already proved to be quite remarkable played 27 won 21 drew 3 lost 3. Goals scored 56 conceded 27. I have a feeling we are going to hear a lot more of Mr White and his club throughout the 1990's.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE (Premier Division)

	P	W	Pts		P	W	Pts
Colne Dynamo	27	21	66	Frickley	24	9	31
Witton	24	17	54	Marine	20	8	30
Hyde	26	14	48	Southport	23	8	30
S Liverpool	25	12	43	Shephed	23	8	28
Buxton	24	11	38	Morecambe	25	8	28
Horwich	28	10	38	Stalybridge	29	7	26
Gateshead	24	10	37	Mossley	24	5	22
B Auckland	20	11	36	Caernarfon	21	6	21
Fleetwood	24	10	36	Goole	22	6	21
Bangor	23	8	33	Gainsborough	23	5	19
Matlock	22	9	33	Rhyl	25	3	13

● We have more Bill Shankly disciples:

Colne Dynamos, pacesetters of the HFS Loans League who have already said that their ambition is the Football League.

Asked why his club weren't playing in the FA Cup, owner Graham White (oh, and he's the manager, too!) said: "We don't go into competitions we have no chance of winning."

Shanks would have said that.
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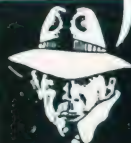
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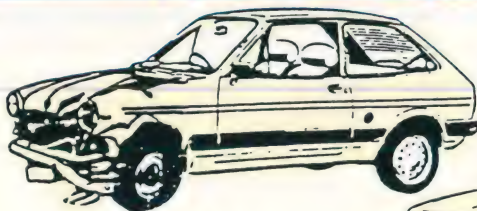


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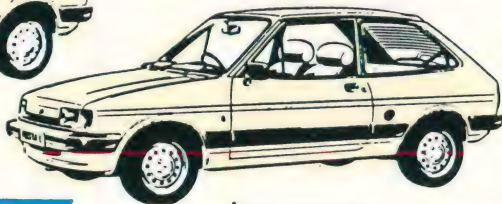
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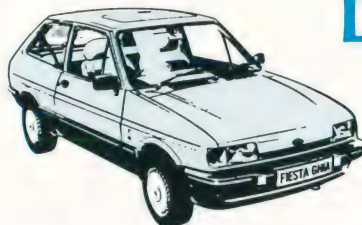


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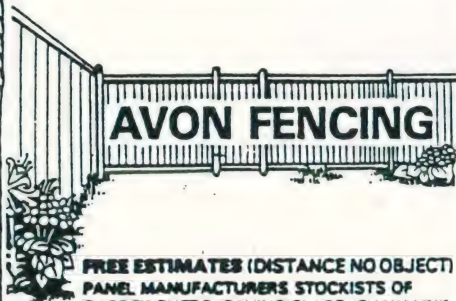
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COBBLERS STITCH UP COVENTRY

Five clubs from the Third Division have survived into the 4th round of the F.A. Cup. Pride of place goes to Northampton Town who put out the 1987 Cup winners Coventry with a goal by Steve Berry three minutes before halftime. Cardiff, Crewe and Swansea took their First Division opponents to replays. Although after their humiliation at Anfield, Swansea would probably have settled for a 1-0 defeat at the Vetch!

Bristol City were yesterday assured of another bumper pay-out with a tie against Chelsea. The London club are likely to include in their side 20 year-old David Lee a self-confessed Rovers fanatic. Downend-born Lee played locally for Warmley Rangers before joining Chelsea.

BROTHERS IN GOAL!

A small piece of history was made at Gigg Lane where Gary Kelly (Bury) and his brother Alan Kelly (Preston) kept goal on opposing sides. Father Alan, the former Republic of Ireland keeper, saw Alan junior come out on top as Preston won 2-1. Elsewhere another Kelly was in the news. Walsall's John (no relation) was dismissed at Huddersfield after just 25 minutes for fouling one player and striking another. Walsall's 1-0 defeat leaves them firmly rooted to the bottom of the Division.

TOUGH AT THE TOP

Rovers were not the only club to suffer an attack of the jitters. Rotherham suffered their first home defeat of the season against Wigan who recorded their first away win for nine months. Bury lost at home to Preston whereas Bolton, Notts County and Tranmere could only manage draws away from home. The obvious exception is Bristol City who demolished Birmingham 4-0 at St. Andrews. Not only are they scoring goals but they have a defence second only to ourselves in the league.

ASA (GIS A JOB!)

Shrewsbury Town coach Asa Hartford has agreed to take over as caretaker boss following the dismissal of Ian McNeill. McNeill's departure stemmed from the board's mounting displeasure with his team's disciplinary record both on and off the field. Hartford who was rescued from the dole queue by McNeill after his own sacking as Stockport's manager will be given every opportunity to prove he is a worthy successor.

THE BEES ARE BUZZING AGAIN

Brentford's victory over us last weekend puts them in a comfortable mid-table position. It is quite a remarkable transformation as the Bees were bottom of the table in the week before Christmas. Cardiff's revival ended in defeat at Bolton and fellow strugglers Blackpool have now gone eight matches without a victory. Birmingham City's 2-0 victory at Crewe was skipper Ian Atkin's 500th league game.



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THE FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

The month of January has been a hectic time for the Avon Branch with two meetings held at The Mail Coach over the last three weeks. Our first meeting was of particular interest to supporters of Bristol Rovers with the two guest speakers being Geoff Twentyman and Roy Dolling. The speakers were very well received and we would all like to pass on our thanks to both for offering to attend at short notice. The second meeting was held last Monday and our guest speaker was the Chairman of Newport A.F.C. who attended (together with several members of the F.S.A. South Wales Branch) and informed us of the problems faced by the exiled Welsh club. Full details of both meetings will be given in next month's edition of Avon calling (No.4) but please note that No.3 has just been released and can be obtained at Twerton Park or by writing (enclosing 50p + S.A.E.) to 1 Watts Lane, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 4BS.

Next month's Avon Branch meeting will be held on Monday 5th February 1989 at the Mail Coach Public House in Broadmead commencing at 8.00pm (Admission Free). Our guest speaker is still to be confirmed but please see local press for full details.



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